

School Board Officers as Unit Officers.**READ—**

Government Order No. 3-62—C. R. B. 1-27-4, dated 9th October 1927, laying down revised instructions regarding officers to be treated as Unit Officers for purposes of appointments in the several departments in the State.

2. Government Order No. 4930-41—C. R. B. 19-29-2, dated 17th March 1930, directing that the Deputy Directors of Public Instruction be treated as Unit Officers in respect of appointments within their powers of patronage in the clerical establishments of High Schools and Training Institutions.

3. Letter No. A1. 1787-299—31-32, dated 20th November 1931, from the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, stating that in connection with the transfer of control of Primary Education to the local education authorities, the District Educational Officers have been appointed as *Ex-officio* School Board Officers, except in the case of (1) Kolar Gold Fields School Area, (2) Mysore City and (3) Tumkur Town where the respective Assistant Inspectors of Education have been appointed as School Board Officers and recommending that, as at present only the District Educational Officers are recognised as Unit Officers for their respective Districts and as the Assistant Inspectors in the above-named three places are now independent of the District Educational Officers in respect of the School Board work, all the School Board Officers may be treated as Unit Officers for their respective charges for purposes of Central Recruitment Board Rules.

ORDER No. 3842-56—C. R. B. 21-31-1, DATED 29TH JANUARY 1932.

Government are pleased to direct that all the School Board Officers be treated as Unit Officers for their respective charges in respect of appointments within their powers of patronage in the Education Department.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.**Agricultural Activities in the Districts.****READ—**

Correspondence ending with letter No. R. O. C. 1790-H. C. of 29-30, dated the 2nd March 1931, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, forwarding the final resolution of the Agricultural Board, dated the 23rd December 1930, (noted as follows) concerning the question of co-ordinating agricultural activities in the Districts through the village organisations :

The programme of work should be drawn up by a sub-committee consisting of the Divisional Agricultural Officer, the Divisional Co-operative Officer, the District Economic Superintendent and an Assistant Commissioner to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner with the President or Vice-President of the District Board as Chairman. The programme accompanied by estimates will be placed before the Economic Committee of the District Board to which the officers of the sub-committee shall be co-opted. The Economic Committee shall forward with their comments the programme and estimates for the approval of the District Board who shall after scrutiny and approval with such modifications as they might deem fit, return it to the Economic Committee.

The funds for working out the programme would consist of (1) grants by the District Boards out of the allotment for economic development at their disposal, (2) voluntary contributions from Village Panchayets, Co-operative Societies and other organisations or individuals interested in agricultural work, and (3) Government grants, if any.

The funds shall be distributed by the Economic Committee among the various items in the programme and shall be administered in accordance with the following principle. Grants within the limits of the approved programme, will be made to Co-operative Societies, Village Panchayets and other organisations for specific items of work subject to the condition that they will contribute from their own resources a sum bearing such proportion to the subsidy as may be determined by the Economic Committee. In case of applications being received for these funds in excess of the amounts available the Economic Committee will select such of the applicants as may seem to them best fitted for conducting the work in a manner which shall be most beneficial to the District. In arriving at a decision as to the most proper distribution of activities in the District capacity to conduct experiments satisfactorily and maintain records shall be an important consideration.

2. Un-official Note of the Revenue Commissioner, dated the 17th November 1931, stating that there is no objection to give a trial to the scheme outlined in the resolution of the Agricultural Board.

ORDER THEREON No. D. 3752-72—A. & E. 242-30-2, DATED 29TH JANUARY 1932.

Government are in general agreement with the suggestions of the Agricultural Board for co-ordinating agricultural activities in Districts and are accordingly pleased to recommend for adoption by the District Boards the procedure indicated in the above resolution.

2. As the posts of District Economic Superintendents have since been abolished, the functions assigned to them in the resolution will be performed by the Officers on whom their duties have devolved.

B. T. KESAVA IYENGAR,
*Secretary to Government,
Development Department.*

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Administration of the Forest Department for 1930-31.

READ—

Report on the Administration of the Forest Department in Mysore, for the year 1930-31, received from the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, with his letter No. C. 60, dated 29th October 1931.

ORDER No. G. 6077-100—Fr. 134-31-8, DATED 27TH JANUARY 1932.

Recorded.

Area of State Forests.—The Area of State Forests at the close of the year was 3406·64 square miles while that of reserved lands was 303·21 square miles. The area brought under protection forms 16 per cent of the total area of the State inclusive of Village Forests.

Reservation and Settlement.—Fifty-four blocks were awaiting settlement at the close of the year. The number awaiting settlement is large and the Revenue Commissioner is requested to see that the settlement operations are pushed through. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to arrange for the expeditious disposal of proposals for reservation still pending.

Minor Forests.—The area of Minor Forests comprising 243 blocks in the Divisions of Shimoga, Sagar, Bhadravati and Kolar was 290·58 square miles at the close of the year. The Chief Conservator and the Revenue Commissioner are requested to examine and report if the objects aimed at by the introduction of scheme have been achieved and what further measures are necessary to make it a success.

Village Forests.—The area of Village Forests at the close of the year was 93 square miles as against 90·83 square miles in the previous year. Owing to financial stringency the Special Officer employed on the Village Forest Scheme has since been withdrawn. The District Forest Officers should be required to take steps for extending the scheme and for making it popular with the Village Panchayets.

Demarcation.—One hundred and two miles of permanent lines were cut during the year as against 113 miles during the previous year. Eighty miles of preliminary lines were also cut during the year and 5125 miles of existing lines repaired.

Forest Surveys.—Information as regards the total work to be done, the programme of work for the year and how far it was carried out, should have been furnished as called for in the review of the report for 1929-30.

Working Plans.—Over 50 per cent of the area of the State Forests is worked under regular working plans and the rest under provisional plans. Steps should be taken to work all the important forests under regular working plans.